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[Summary: Good crops of fruit are reported from several sections of China in 1952. In the Turfan basin of Sinkiang there was an estimated increase of 35 percent in the grape yield. Government loans aid in transporting the fruit to market. Apples are plentiful in the Northeast. In Anhwei Province the famous "snow" pears have yielded so well that the average fruit raiser's income shows a good increase over past years.]

GRAPE PLENTIFUL IN TURFAN BASIN -- Ho-fei, Anhwei Jih-pao, 25, 29 Aug 52

The first good crop of grapes since the liberation was produced this year in the Turfan basin of Sinkiang. In general, each cluster of grapes weighs about 2 catties, and the total crop is estimated at 25 million catties, an increase of 35 percent over last year. There were notable performances by many households and mutual aid teams participating in the movement for patriotic production increase. Yields up to 5,000 catties per mou [one mou equals one sixth acre] have been reported.

Under government leadership, the grape growers increased the amount of fertilizer used. Loan totaling 200 million yuan by the People's Bank enabled the producers to organize 40 transportation teams which work round the clock carrying the fruit to market by donkey caravans and by truck.

GOOD APPLE CROP IN NORTHEAST -- Ho-fei, Anhwei Jih-pao, 25 Aug 52

The 1952 apple crop in the Northeast is good and is now coming into the market. The southern section of the Northeast produces more than 70 percent of China's apples. The yield is 30 percent better than in 1951 and the fruit is of good size and firm texture.

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EXCELLENT PEAR HARVEST IN ANHWEI -- Ho-fei, Anhwei Jih-pao, 7 Sep 52

The famous Anhwei "snow" pears are grown in a 40-11 area along the valley between the cities of Hsi-hsien and Pei-shun. Their special qualities are their thin, white skin and sweet, crisp flavor. Good climate, suitable soil, and long experience of the orchardists combine to produce these excellent pears. Cover bags made of eight layers of paper are fastened over each pear in May to protect them from sunburn and the ravages of insects and birds, and to insure the whiteness of the skin.

The income from the abundant 1952 crop will considerably increase the purchasing power of the fruit raisers. The bumper crop is attributed to specially favorable weather conditions and to increased use of fertilizer. One 60-year-old orchardist, using hill grass as a mulch fertilizer, will harvest a crop of superior fruit 100 percent greater than last year's. He used this type of fertilizer because he could not afford commercial fertilizer.

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